

SITE NUMBER: Wa-II-507

ADDRESS: 125 West Main Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Bonnard J. Morgan, 835/566, restricted

BUILDING DATE: 1883

The Wesley Chapel, as it is noted on the 1922 Sanborn, is a squat, south-facing, one-and-a-half-story-with-tower, three-bay, brick, freestanding, ecclesiastical structure resting on a stone foundation. Built in a restrained Gothic Revival style, it is set directly at the public-right-of-way. The standing-seam metal roof has a front-facing gable with deep, open eaves and accented returns at the building corners. A cornerstone bears the inscription, "Built July 1883". The entrance, which is located in the center, slightly projecting bay, is comprised of a pointed arched opening, a recessed door, and a stone sill. The arch is defined in brick with a diamond-shaped keystone in stone. The wood double doors are set in a paneled frame and topped by an arched stain-glass window. Fenestration on the front facade consists of single, tall, narrow, pointed-arched stained glass windows to either side of the entrance and a set of three smaller, yet similar windows above it. The design of the arch echoes that of the entrance with the stone sill and diamond-shaped keystone. Although the building appears to have been designed to bear a steeple, the central bay is truncated at the roofline.

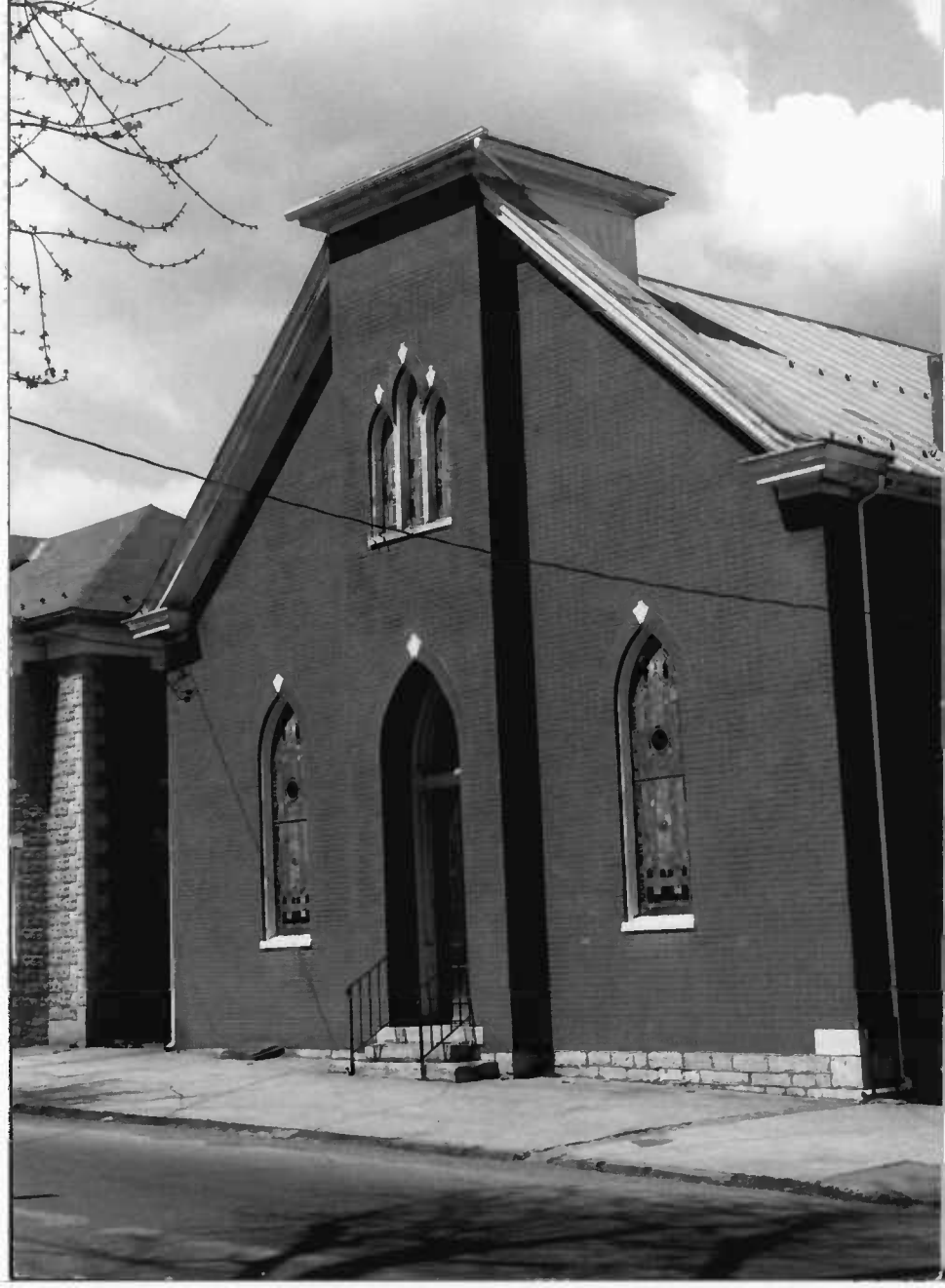
The Methodist Church is noted at this site on the 1877 map of the town. According to the cornerstone on the building, the extant church was constructed in 1883. It is noted on the 1922 Sanborn map as 209 West Main and as the Wesley Chapel. The property at the time included the neighboring house (127-129 Main today), a carriage house, and a two-story barn. Today, there is no

indication of the denomination on the building and the property includes only the church.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Religion.

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